

My public to comment on the NPRM in WT 05-235 !

1. I am not opposed to manual Morse code operation. But Morse code is just another mode and should not be afforded any special priority over others. It is available to those who wish to use it. Morse proficiency should not be required for those who do not wish to use the mode.
2. Manual radiotelegraphy communications has been superseded by more modern, reliable, accurate, faster and efficient means of communication.
3. Requiring manual telegraphy proficiency is not compatible with the radio amateur's mandated objective of contributing to the advancement of the radio art.
4. FCC evidence exists that Morse proficiency is not an indicator of a desirable, motivated or better qualified operator.
5. The Morse code requirement serves as an advancement barrier to many otherwise qualified individuals.
6. The value of Morse code communications in the Amateur Service is primarily recreational in nature and manual telegraphy proficiency should no longer be a compulsory licensing requirement for any class of Amateur Radio license.
7. The most challenging problem is our attitude towards newcomers and our focus on the mode of CW as the defining characteristic of Amateur Radio. If you do not operate the mode CW, or if you are not proficient with the CW mode, then you are not a real ham radio operator. This is our most challenging problem our attitude towards change. If we can overcome this hurdle, promoting Amateur Radio for the future is the easy part. (ARRL Past President, Rod Stafford, W6ROD, wrote of similar issues - I encourage you to read it.)
8. I do not have good ideas on how to change the mode attitudes. I wish I did because I believe the mode attitude is the Achilles Heel of the Amateur Radio Hobby. Changing our attitude towards change and new comers is a key part of growing Amateur radio in the future.
9. Many No Code Techs are MARS OPERATORS and operate HF with their MARS License provided they pass the MARS basic training course. MARS service dropped the code requirement along time ago its time Amateur Radio do the same.